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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CASE NO. CR22-0127JLR

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER

12 v.

13 JOHN SHERWOOD,

14 Defendant.

15 Before the court is the October 9, 2023 status update filed by counsel for
16 Defendant John Sherwood. (Update (Dkt. # 47).) In that status update, counsel states
17 that he is representing a defendant in a three-defendant second degree murder trial in
18 King County Superior Court that began on September 18, 2023. (*Id.* at 2.) On
19 September 28, 2023, King County Superior Court Judge Cindi Port granted the State's
20 request to recess that trial until November 20, 2023, after the lead prosecutor suffered an
21 injury. (*Id.*) If the trial resumes on November 20, 2023, the parties anticipate that the
22 trial will conclude on or before February 1, 2024. (*Id.*)

The trial in this case is set to begin on December 4, 2023—just two weeks after trial is expected to resume in defense counsel’s state court case. (8/2/23 Order (Dkt. # 44); *see* Update at 2.) As counsel recognizes in his status update, the trial in this case has already been continued twice—first by stipulation of the parties, and again at Defendant’s request. (*See* 12/27/22 Order (Dkt. # 30); 8/2/23 Order (Dkt. # 44).) The court granted the second continuance based on defense counsel’s representation that he was representing defendants in two state-court murder trials. (*See* 7/9/23 Mot. (Dkt. # 40).) At the time, counsel represented that the trials for his other cases had not yet been set. (*Id.*)

10 Trial in this case will go forward as scheduled on December 4, 2023. The court
11 has already reset its 2023 and 2024 trial schedule to accommodate defense counsel's state
12 court commitments. It will not do so again. The court would be pleased to confer with
13 Judge Port to discuss the logistics of this matter. The court may be contacted at
14 (206) 370-8920.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2023.



JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge